

The Dead Horse

September 2011



Volunteer Wayne Quimby

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

Annual Summer Pot-Luck Bash!

On July 30, DHRSP honored its volunteers at it's Annual Summer Pot-luck, held at Ramada #5 at the Los Alamos Picnic Area. Thanks to the efforts of DHRSP Volunteers Betty Hall & Wayne Quimby, fun was had by all. Betty & Wayne worked on the event several weeks prior, securing prizes from local merchants, organizing games & activities, and creating a buffet line fit for a king. When it came to the food, there was nothing *left out*, but a lot *left-over*! The air was abuzz with life, laughter, and friendship. Numerous volunteers were given service awards, and thanked yet again for their selfless efforts to DHRSP. We couldn't run our park the way we do, if it weren't for all of you!



After receiving his award, Dave Penny gave a very emotional speech about his lovely wife Barbara. Dave admitted to the crowd that she was his true prize in life! Barbara then whizzed a charred hot dog across the picnic Ramada, hitting him square in the forehead.



DHRSP Ranger Volunteer Coordinator Eric Buzonas receives a well-deserved Thank-You kiss from Art Enockson. Art was extremely ecstatic after receiving his 1500 hr service pin! We can only imagine what will happen with his 2500 hour pin!!



Off-Park Volunteer Jake Pratt receives his 2000 hr award pin.

pictures by Ranger Linda Hauk & article by Ranger Eric Buzonas

Park Volunteer Patricia Enockson posed a rare cricket-like form as she tried her luck at "Baggo". Jake Pratt used a more human-like posture and fared pretty well against his rival!!



"I won! I won!" Pat Hawker receives a well-deserved prize donated by a local Cottonwood merchant. Thanks to the painstaking efforts of Betty Hall & Wayne Quimby, Thank-You prizes were received by everyone in attendance.



Come on now! Does Ranger Linda Hauk REALLY need a megaphone?? Linda, as always, gave it her all for the volunteers at DHRSP. Apparently she started yelling at everyone to donate more service hours or face DIRE CONSEQUENCES!!



Supper Time! Left to right: Park guest "Elden", Roy & Judith Farmer, Dave & Barbara Penny.

Volunteer Carol Johnson has been an invaluable asset to DHRSP, where she volunteers at the Contact Station several days a week.



Volunteer Chris Jensen receives the highly coveted "Cattail Award" - A bouquet of DHRSP cattails w/baby's breath, for his selfless efforts of cutting them down all summer long!

Activities
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Photo by Susie Beach, Beach's on Location

Les Bags His First Moose!



Here is a photo of the hunt and my first moose. It's not a trophy, but lots of good red meat to supplement all the salmon I've put up for this winter. I may go out again Sunday with Monte to help him when he fills his tag (I should be recovered by then)... By the way, everything is free for me up here. I don't have to pay for the license or the tag, that's hard to beat.

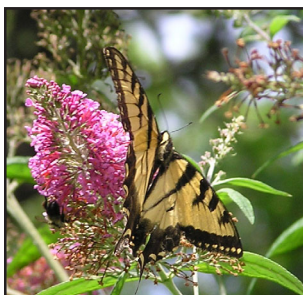
submitted by DHRSP Emeritus Les Bovee

License & Registration Please!



Officer Justin Swiger was on the beat again with his brand new patrol vehicle! It appears that he pulled over the always "seedy character" Ranger Randy Victory for some type of rule infraction. Justin stated that he likes his new vehicle a "little mower & mower" each day. It's really starting to "grow on me!" he said. The stealthy vehicle is reported to have "cutting edge" technology. Not a bad idea for "weeding out" the bad guys!

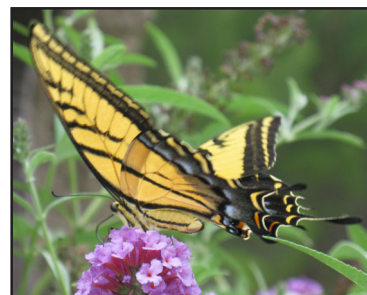
*photo by Ranger Margie Sanchez
article by Ranger Eric Buzonas*



Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly (Papilio glaucus) Cape Cod, MA & DHRSP, AZ

left: Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly, male, fluttered onto the butterfly bush in Cape Cod, MA. Photo submitted by Carolyn Meehan, DHRSP Editor of Dispatch

right: Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly, female, recently graced us with its presence at the DHRSP Contact Station. Photo submitted by DHRSP Ranger Linda Hawk



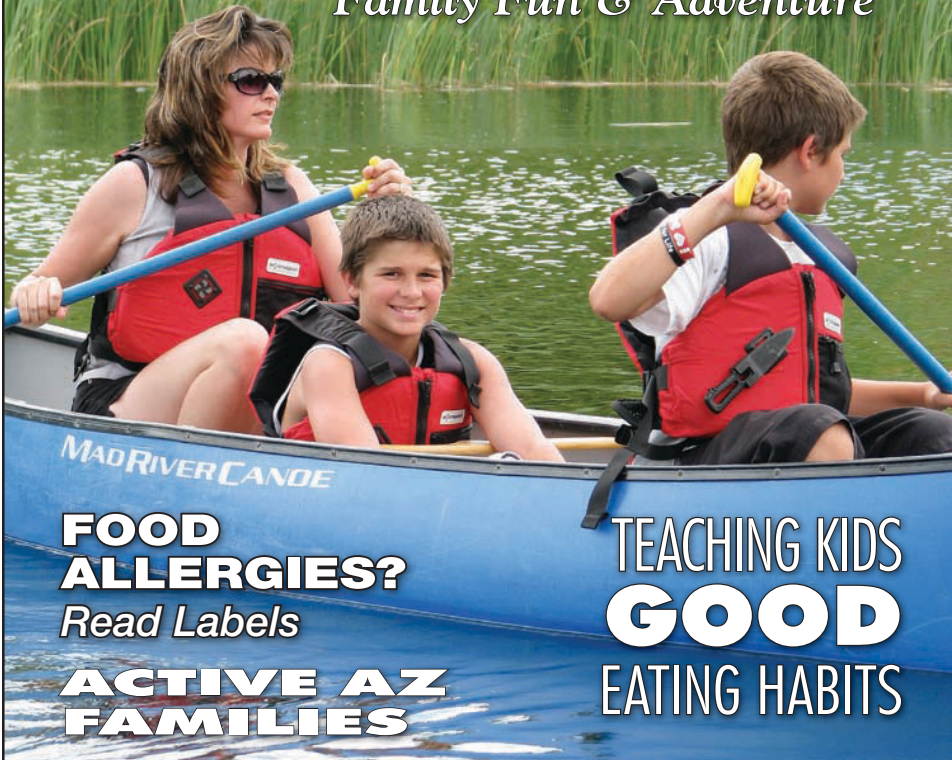
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Please tell your Volunteer friends to visit the Arizona State Parks Volunteer web page for instructions on signing up.

Dead Horse Ranch Makes The Front Page!

AZ State Parks employee, Tye Farrell, took the lead on this marketing endeavor and brought DHRSP to the "front page" of Fitness Plus Magazine.

The August issue of Fitness Plus Magazine features canoe paddlers on the lagoon at Dead Horse Ranch! The 100,000 copies of the fitness magazine are distributed in Phoenix and Tucson at fitness clubs, doctor's office, and other locations. The Castle family (related to volunteer host Chuck Castle) agreed to be photographed to help promote the park for this opportunity; the final photo includes Kelli Castle and two of her 3 sons.

submitted by Tye Farrell: Marketing / Web Master / Graphic Designer Extraordinaire!

DHRSP Salutes Tye Farrell!

Did you ever stop and think what it would be like to provide park information to our guests without visual aids? Reference maps might be drawn into the sand with stick and stone. Impatient campers would blare their horns and begin to stack up at the Contact Station, waiting for their turn at the "sand map". Park Office Volunteer Judy Schmidt would feverishly brush the sand away for the 30th time the same morning... Crying out in agony, "There *must* be a better way!"

Thanks to the exemplary efforts of AZ STATE PARKS employee Tye Farrell, there is a better way! His insight and creativity have enabled both Rangers and Volunteers to provide the public with a variety of colorful maps and brochures that pertain to Arizona State Parks and their surrounding attractions. These informative maps and brochures enable our patrons to get a feel of what our parks are really all about.

Tye works diligently out of our main office in Phoenix, AZ and makes us all look good! DARN GOOD! He manages our agency website, designs and places advertising in publications, assembles and sends out the monthly Parks Newsletter, and oversees the printing and design of our park map handouts and event posters.

His most recent endeavor put Dead Horse Ranch State Park on the front page of Fitness Plus, a healthy living magazine that distributes 100,000+ copies around the Phoenix and Tempe areas. Tye was literally "up to his neck" in water for the photo shoot. And to give it that extra-personal touch, he recruited DHRSP Volunteer Chuck Castle's grandsons and daughter-in-law Kelli for the layout. Thanks Tye. The man behind the scenes, but not forgotten!!

written by Ranger Eric Buzonas

Please Keep Them In Your Thoughts & Prayers...

Regrettably we have some sad news. DHRSP Volunteer Jim Aker passed away on Saturday August 13, 2011. At this time we have no further information. We do know that Marilyn was at his side. Jim was a wonderful person. His laughter and friendship will be missed by all of us. Please keep Jim & his family in your prayers.

Note from Volunteer/Editor Nan Hephner: "I fell down a granite mound while hiking in June. First points of impact were the right side of my jaw and my left hand and wrist. I think the blow to my jaw knocked me out for a bit as I don't recall the rest of my trip to the bottom. But I was conscious at the bottom and remember moving my left arm under my chin to see where all the blood was coming from. Then Norm got there. We were back in the boonies so it took a while to walk to the car and get out of there to the hospital. To cut a long story short, I had a compression fracture to my wrist, fractured ribs, fractured jaw, injury to my knee, and many bruises and cuts. My camera cut a gash under my chin which required stitches. The jaw fractures were small bones near my ear and the Drs felt they would heal on their own. I had a full arm cast on for 3 weeks, and a short arm cast for 4 weeks. It is off now but the wrist is still swollen and very sore. I had to have the knee scoped and the meniscus repaired.

Sorry to have missed you, due to shoulder surgery I will be out of the office from June 15, 2011 through September 2011. Thank You, S. Max Castillo, Park Ranger IV

As you may know, my health is pretty good and I've recovered from the hernia operation with flying colors. It's so good to be able to keep up with the activities at Desert Trails.
Douglas Palosaari

Thanks for your work on the newsletter, I enjoy hearing what other volunteers are doing, and what's happening @ the park. I can't spend a lot of time there volunteering (busier than I thought I would be with my recent retirement); but I do enjoy bringing my kayak down to the lagoons to police up areas not accessible any other way. Keep up the good work.
Sal Cirincione

Some people who are camped in site 14 asked about Ranger Eric. They said their son and daughter "bonded" with him about 4 years ago. "He made them Jr Rangers and gave my son a knife. He still displays it today. Ranger Eric definitely made an impact on them. We hope we get to see him!" Their last name is Herbst.
by Ranger Margie

For all you campers, I've added a new search engine to my Blog. It's called SEARCH THIS BLOG & CAMPGROUNDS. In the upper right hand corner. Type in to search for anything that I might have reported on in the Blog and it will find it quickly and provide a list. Say your looking for camping TIPS, just type it in and the search engine will find all the Blog pages I've created on tips for camping. If your interested in finding a campground, type in the Town and State, if the search doesn't find it in my Blog, click on the additional search setting under, CAMPGROUND LISTINGS BY STATE. It works really well and is powered by Google of course. Have fun and let me know what you think of the new feature.

"Exploring the back roads one mile at a time" Douglas Palosaari

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WHY, WHY, WHY Did I write this?

I recently found out that DHRSP Volunteers Roy & Judith Farmer, are leaving us August 28th for their winter stomping grounds in Why, AZ. "Why, Why?" I said to myself. I really didn't know Why. But they knew Why... And that's why I decided to ask them about Why... I said "Roy, why Why?" Roy replied, "Why, there are many reasons why we like Why, Eric. The main reason why we like Why, is that people mind their own business there. They never ask why you're there, or why you've left. That's why we like Why. They have a saying in Why: It doesn't matter why you're in Why. We like that saying, and that's why we stayed there the first time, and that's why we're going back now." If you want to know more about Why, why not ask Roy & Judy yourself and they'll tell you why in more detail. Judith said, "If you should decide to visit us in Why (I'm not sure why) just turn left at the Y when you get to Why." (Some would believe that they're really not "right" in Why after all.) Roy said you can stay at the local "YMCA" or "Y" just past the Y in Why. If you need further directions, just Google Why? Why? Why? And take the Why Way Highway all the way to Why...

submitted by Ranger Eric



Volunteer News Comings

9/1 - Tom & Joyce Reese, Red Tail Loop

9/1 - John & Pat Pauly, Mesquite Cabins

Goings

8/28 - Roy & Judith Farmer, Mesquite Cabins

September Dates to Remember

9/1-9/29 (Thurs) Old Town Farmer's Market:
5pm till dark, Old Town Park

9/3-5 Moonlight Madness Festival: Includes
free music, entertainment, children's activities, side
walk sales, along Hwy 89A & 179, Main Street
District 928-204-2390 sedonamainstreet.com

9/5 Volunteer Meetings @ VRG Studio, 9:30am
Thunder Valley Rally Sept 16-18, 2011 Old Town
Cottonwood

9/10 Fiesta del Tlaquepaque: Fun, food, music,
in Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village 928-282-
4838 tlaq.com

9/17 Sedona Airport Family Fun Day: 9 am-3
pm, airplane displays, classic cars, Camp Soaring
Eagle's Kid Zone, crafts, entertainment, food,
airplane rides. www.sedonaairport.org/events

9/19 Volunteer Meetings @ VRG Studio, 9:30am
9/24 Verde River Days!!

9/24-25 Sedona Winefest: 12 Az wineries, wines,
gourmet food, live music, Sedona Arts Center,
11am-6pm 24th, 11am-5pm 25th, Sedona Airport
928-301-0398 www.Sedonawinefest.com

9/24 Celtic Harvest Festival: Sedona emphasizes
rich Celtic heritage, John Good, "The Sedona
festival will showcase all the Celtic Nations,
gathering at the Tequa Festival Marketplace."
(928) 300-8360. www.celticharvestfestival.com

9/30-10/1-2 Festival of Native Am Culture: Az
Natives & SoWest Natives culture highlights
include: film festival, music, dance, fine arts, crafts
nafestival.org

September MileStones

1-Wes & Carolyn Scott (2001)

2-James Dunn

4-Keith Mangels

6-Wayne Quimby & Betty Hall (2009)

11-Gordon Lawrick

13-Dave & Carolyn Abbott (1998)

19-Tom and Anne Howe (1964)

21-Patrick Rhoads

22-Mr and Mrs Bob Forrest (1956)

22-Bud Jenkins

23-Bob & Ann Nason

23-Jerry Watters

24-Bill LaFleur

25-Emmo Oltmanns

27-John & Wanda Ward (1969)

28-George Christianson